



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 30 2001  
(Case No. 98,429)

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In re the Application of:

Karl W. Hasel and Brian S. Hilbush

Serial No. 09/186,869

Filed: November 4, 1998

For: Method for Indexing and Determining  
The Relative Concentration of Expressed  
Messenger RNAs

Examiner J. Fredman

Group Art Unit 1655

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:


Applicant respectfully requests a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2000. A response will therefore become due by April 25, 2001. Applicants enclose a check covering the small entity extension fee of \$445.00.

Respectfully submitted,

**McDONNELL BOEHNEN  
HULBERT & BERGHOFF**

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